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A DAY WITH NATURE

Man is the capstone of God's monument of earth. When He had builded the beauty of the sky, and made it resplendent with His sun and moon, and set it in the planets and stars innumerable; when He had covered at least this planet with the goodness of green, and given to it the music of the winds and the waters, and the diviner song of birds; when He had peopled the grass with blossoms and the waters with swimming forms of opal, and had banished the loneliness of the sphere by bringing into existence the beasts of the mountain and the field, He created, in the image of Himself, an intelligence which was to use all these things and make them revert to the peace and comfort of mankind, and the glory of God.

So we are the higher brothers of nature, and just as men grown old in years and experience learn their best and truest lessons from little children, we may gain from nature a keener estimate of the real purposes of life and the final purpose of death than can be obtained in any other human way. The world of nature is the schoolroom of God, and none who will need lack learning therein. The lessons it teaches are nobly and beautifully set forth. And from birth to death there is some revelation for every eye and ear and heart, according to the measure of its power to understand.

It seems to be highly proper that we should seek the lessons of nature in this month when the most of us court her in one or another of her varied forms—that month when she seems to put forth in her richest robes, and when the very fullness of her divine nature is shown to us in an abundance almost beyond imagining. From star to sea, her glory now seems at its zenith, and her motherhood glows in the richest tints of its gentle and generous nature.

In the deep voiced murmuring of the night surf, as it soothes the sands to sleep; in the morning carol of the birds, or in the full and meaning silence of the noontide, we hear the echoes of high truths, which may be applied to the every-day course of human life, and which, when so applied, are found to contain the solution of most of such stuff as we call trouble and hardship.

Perhaps by going out into the good and beautiful world of nature these days we may be able to hear and see some of all this. At any rate, we can try.

IMMENSITY OF THE MOVIE BUSINESS.

The moving picture business is the fifth largest industry in the United States, according to a report of the census bureau, which presents figures that are all but unbelievable, according to one of our statistical exchanges.

Last year up to the first of December American film manufacturers turned out no less than 10,000 separate reels of negative films, from each of which an average of thirty-five "positive" copies were made. The standard reel is 1000 feet long. There were, therefore, manufactured during eleven months of 1914, 350,000,000 feet of film including both originals and copies, or enough to go around the globe almost three times.

The cost of producing the ordinary film is about \$2 a foot. This means \$20,000,000 spent in making negative reels. The copies at 4 cents a foot cost \$17,000,000 more, or a total of \$37,000,000.

But that is not all. These figures do not include feature projects, on a single one of which a large fortune may be spent. In the case of a recent seven-reel drama it cost \$300,000 to produce it.

There are about 18,000 moving picture theatres in the United States to which more than 10,000,000 people go daily. Admission receipts for 1914, exclusive of December, approximated \$318,000,000 in the United States.

The moving picture concerns do everything on a broad gauged plan excepting as to the encouragement of writers. These are paid a mere pittance in proportion to the sums paid movie actors and actresses. That is a short-sighted policy. It keeps the best writers out of a field that has an enormous following that is regaled altogether too much with trashy scenarios that are attempted to be redeemed by high priced performers and the trappings of the movie factories.

Perhaps it is just as well that former Senator Aldrich isn't in a position to read his obituary notices in the newspapers.

The appeal of Chas. Becker, the convicted police lieutenant of New York, will be heard again at an early date. This case bids fair to rival that of Harry Thaw in exhibiting a fair sample of justice as the courts dispense it when there is plenty of money and influence back of the defendants.

Now Poland cries to America for help. If we had a greater army and navy to support it is not likely we could heed there appeals from nations crushed by the iron heel of militarism.

A Washington state judge has just ruled that fish are state property. Well, any old state may have our share—we have never been able to catch them, anyway.

"Russia is ripe for invasion of American trade," says a newspaper headline. But the Germans seem to have beat us to a good sized area of that country.

The East Oregonian wants to make Pendleton a better "summer town." Better move it down into western Oregon then.

TOO MUCH WAR TALK.

By John B. Polk.

It is evident that the minds of the people dwell too much on the subject of war just now. That the trend of thought lies very much in that direction is evidenced by the talk one hears on the street corners, in places of business, on the cars, and everywhere one goes. War is an awful thing, its awfulness is beyond the human mind to conceive. The little rain drop that falls on the mountain side is joined by other little drops, and still others form a small rivulet that trickles down the slope joining others until a brook is created; further down many brooks join, forming a river. The river overflows its banks and becomes a raging torrent, sweeping everything before it, destroying whole communities, cities, and everything that happens to be in its way. So it is with war. It can be traced all the way from the little small talk heard on every hand, down to the great torrent of blood that sweeps everything before it, converting a peaceable community into a seething mass of destruction. It is said of war that it is "hell in operation." War is effect not a cause. War is the destructive forces set in motion for the purpose of cleansing the moral atmosphere. But like the flood it gulls the land, maims and cripples everything in its wake.

There are two great forces extant in the universe, each operating in opposite directions. One of these forces is constructive, the other destructive. Every thought that emanates from the mind, every deed, every act must harmonize with one or the other of these great forces. It is poor policy to talk peace on Sunday, and war the balance of the week. It is indeed painful to see so many Christians doing this thing. Even taking sides in the great struggle. It is all right to take sides provided you take the side of peace against militarism. Which side are you on? Both sides are asking God to help destroy the enemy, both prayers are being answered. You cannot control the great flood of death, but you can control the little thoughts that drop into your mind. You have the power to make your thoughts constructive by turning them in the direction of the good. In the study of mental alchemy we find the way to rid one's self of objectionable thoughts, is to cultivate thoughts of an opposite quality until they externalize on the objective plane.

I was surprised that our governor would suggest that our little boys be trained to use fire arms. Only think what that means, coming from an executive too. The "Dick military bill" that was slipped through congress makes soldiers of all our boys over sixteen and under forty-five. It is not enough that our fathers, brothers, and husbands be forced to take part in the slaughter of war, but the nursery must be invaded, and the little boys, of whom Jesus said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," must also be organized into a great army of "Boy Scouts" and trained in the use of firearms. "He that taketh up the sword shall die by the sword," and when we undertake to invade the very precincts of the kingdom of heaven, taking little children that are yet pure, and train them and drill them in this "holistic" business, we are carrying the matter a little too far, according to my view of the matter. It is dangerous ground. Only think how it would look to see a thousand of our little boys marching down the streets with guns, and the city full of churches teaching "Dance on earth, good will to men." "Thou shalt not kill!" To kill is to murder and "a murder hath not eternal life." Surely the distance back to the jungle is a surprisingly short one. Civilized and christianized nations do not go to war. The same can be said of individuals. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," but remember that "As ye sow so shall ye reap." There is entirely too much "sowing to the wind" just now for our good, it will be followed by the whirlwind later on I fear. Which side are you on?

Another Job.

Algy fell in love with a girl at the glove counter. He bought gloves every day for a week. To discourage his attentions she became a manicure. "Then he had his nails manicured every day, I s'pose?" "Just so. However, I don't think he'll follow her any farther. Why not?" "Why not?" "Then she got employment with a dentist."

A good many spirit manifestations come after visits to the bar.

STATE NEWS

The ferry on the Willamette near Canby has received its final appropriation and will soon be in operation. It is almost entirely a product of private effort and capital.

All's right with Hermiston's part of the world, according to the Herald, which says: "New people are securing land here and doing improvement work. The outlook for good crops was never better. There is work for every man and team. Altogether the prospect is for an excellent year."

Springfield correspondence Eugene Register: Mel Bartlett had on display this week the black wolf hide he had mounted for Stacey Russell, county clerk. This was the wolf that had been playing havoc with young stock near Marcola and was finally trapped. It was indeed a monster and was made into a beautiful rug by Mr. Bartlett.

Complaining that not a single non-resident property owner contributed a cent to Estacada's clean-up day expenses, although the majority of them were solicited, the Progress argues that an ordinance be passed immediately which will make it possible to charge non-residents for labor expended on upkeep of their property.

Pendleton East Oregonian: Al Nye and Colonel John Bentley are bound for San Francisco to attend the Panama-Pacific, carrying with them all the seal of two youngsters. Both are Missourians of the same locality, both are democrats, both pioneers of this county, both 73 years old, both ex-sheriffs of Yamhill and have several other characteristics in common which make them congenial traveling companions.

WEST SALEM

Mr. Walker Pitts arrived home Saturday evening from a visit of several months' duration in her old home neighborhood in Alabama.

A ten pound son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moe April 14th and a little daughter put in an appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, April 15th.

J. H. Hawthorne continues to improve and Mrs. Hawthorne is better.

Mrs. Warren Potter and daughter Miss Marcia Potter of Aitkin, Minn., have been guests at the J. H. Eaton home.

Mrs. Potter and daughter came by way of California where they spent several weeks taking in the exposition and other places of scenic beauty.

They are old time friends of the Eatons and their visit was received with much pleasure. They left Thursday morning for home via Portland and Seattle.

J. H. Eaton who has been conducting a new and second hand store on North Commercial street, has traded the business for some valuable real estate near Oak Grove.

STAYTON NOTES

Wm. Sestak arrived Monday for a visit at the home of his parents, Jos. Sestak and wife. He has been stopping at Contralia, Wash.

H. J. Marking and wife are the parents of a new boy that arrived Monday morning. Mrs. Marking is at present at the home of her parents, M. Streff and wife. Dr. Beauchamp was in attendance.

Miss Louis Williams, who is a teacher in the Stevens school, Portland, and has been spending her winter vacation with her sister, Miss Ella, and her father, Jos. Williams, left to resume her work Sunday.

Dennis Caldwell has been picking up horses for French buyers hereabouts the past week. He informs us that there will be an inspection of horses here tomorrow, and there will probably be a large number of horses in town.

Miss Mabel Rupert was called to her home in Salem, Sunday, by the illness of her sister. Her classes in the high school were conducted by Mrs. M. Crabtree.

Banker Gray, of Turner, came up Saturday after his son, Richard, who is acting as stenographer for Attorney Helzel, taking him home for a short visit. He returned Sunday evening.

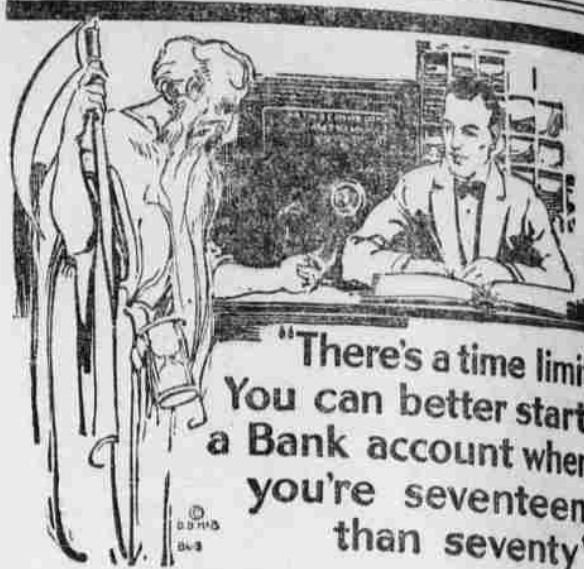
When company is present and the children modestly state that they prefer wings and backs, the company knows that mother has had a little side talk with her rising generation.

A flow of words is no proof of wisdom.

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4% INTEREST PAID ON SAVINGS

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK of Salem, Oregon

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building Permit No. 31 was issued to Mrs. Gantenbein to repair a dwelling on North Cottage street. It is estimated that the repairing will cost \$500, and the work will be performed by day labor.

Building Permit No. 32 was issued to C. A. Lytle, for the erection of a new dwelling at No. 955 Marion street. The building will be done by H. Tzeman, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15000 completed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Louis Hechtel et ux to J. H. and Ruth Hixon, 1/4 lots 1 and 2 blk 6 North Salem.

Julius G. Vogt et ux to E. H. Randall et ux lot 2 blk 10 1/2 West Salem.

Williamette Valley Lumber Co. to Nellie Getchell, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 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